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Thursday, September 26, 1974

The Oval Office

1:45 p.m. (15 minutes)

From: Henry A. Kissinger

I. PURPOSE

To brief you fully on the operation of the NSC 40 Committee and on activities conducted under the general direction of the Director of Central Intelligence.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: Any covert activities conducted under the general direction of the Director of Central Intelligence are initially reviewed by the 40 Committee of the National Security Council and then submitted to you for decision. There are a number of such activities ongoing. This briefing will familiarize you with them and with the system for their review and approval.
- B. Participants: William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence; William Nelson, Deputy Director of CIA; Secretary Kissinger; and Lt. General Brent Scowcroft.
- C. Press Plan: Photo by White House photographer only. The fact of the meeting will be announced but not the subject.

III. TALKING POINTS

- 1. I want to be fully informed on the covert actions which are now underway.
- 2. I would also appreciate a brief review of the reconnaissance program. I understand the reconnaissance schedule also is reviewed each month by the 40 Committee.

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3. I intend to continue the review procedures of the 40 Committee. I want to emphasize the importance I place on a thorough analysis of these activities, balancing potential gain against potential costs and risks.
4. As I said in my press conference of September 17, these activities are conducted in the national interest of the United States. I do not intend to yield to public pressures on this subject, which come from only a small minority. We will continue to do what is right for the country.

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